

DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016

MEETING NO. 03-2016

TIME: 4:02 P.M.

PLACE: MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL

CHAIR: COUNCILLOR I. ANGUS

PRESENT:

Councillor I. Angus
Mr. E. Cameron
Mr. D. Fisk
Ms. D. Gilhooly
Councillor B. McKinnon
Ms. A. Ostrom
Councillor A. Ruberto
Mr. M. Tenander
Councillor J. Virdiramo

OFFICIALS:

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager
Mr. M. Smith, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services
Mr. G. John, (Acting) Manager – Parks & Open Spaces Section, Parks Division
Mr. L. Morrow, Corporate Project Manager – Community Services
Ms. L. Douglas, Committee Coordinator – Office of the City Clerk

REGRETS:

Mayor K. Hobbs

CALL TO ORDER & DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Chair, Councillor I. Angus, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. There were no disclosures of interest declared at this time.

2.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. D. Gilhooly added the Grain Elevator Project and Ms. A. Ostrom requested a brief update on the responsibility of the developer (in terms of the CN Rail Station building at the waterfront).

MOVED BY: Mr. E. Cameron
SECONDED BY: Councillor A. Ruberto

With respect to Meeting No. 03-2016 of the Waterfront Development Committee held on June 2, 2016, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 02-2016 of the Waterfront Development Committee, held on April

7, 2016, to be approved.

A brief discussion was held relative to the resolution carried at the April 7th WDC meeting about catering at WDC meetings.

MOVED BY: Mr. M. Tenander

SECONDED BY: Ms. A. Ostrom

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 02-2016 of the Waterfront Development Committee, held on April 7, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Divestiture of Current River Facility

At the November 5, 2015 meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee, discussion was held relative to the Department of Fisheries & Oceans (DFO) - Small Craft Harbours Branch and the City-owned land at the mouth of the Current River.

At the April 7, 2016 meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee, Ms. K. Marshall reported that Parks & Open Spaces had been in contact with the Commercial Fisheries' Association. A follow up meeting was scheduled with the Commercial Fisheries' Association following a scheduled meeting with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Canada on Wednesday April 13, 2016.

Mr. G. John, (Acting) Manager – Parks & Open Spaces Section, provided an overview of the conference call he and the Director of Engineering had with the DFO on April 13, 2016. The DFO office will be sending him an engineering report in due course about the condition of the four docks and the boat launch.

The Commercial Fisheries Association has also contacted Mr. John about their concerns and their recommendations for managing the facility.

4.2 Waterfront Working Group

The following resolution was carried at the February 4th meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee:

THAT Administration forms a WDC Working Group, consisting of key department and external stakeholders, as well as a representative from the Waterfront Development Committee, to identify mutually strategic objectives for future industrial, commercial and public development within the Thunder Bay waterfront;

AND THAT these objectives reflect the guiding principles of the existing waterfront development vision;

AND THAT a key deliverable of the group will be to develop a means to evaluate potential initiatives against these objectives and to develop a clear process to cultivate and coordinate projects that meet the identified goals;

AND THAT the WDC Working Group reports regularly to the Waterfront Development Committee, with a preliminary report submitted at their June 2, 2016 meeting.

Ms. D. Gilhooly noted that the above resolution arose from the Port Authority presentation.

Mr. S. Smith, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services, advised that most of what needs to be accomplished (from the above resolution) will take place at the June 11th meeting of the Waterfront Stakeholders.

MOVED BY: Councillor A. Ruberto
SECONDED BY: Ms. D. Gilhooly

With respect to the resolution carried at the February 4, 2016 meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee relative to the formation of a WDC Working Group;

THAT Administration no longer pursues the creation of a Waterfront Working Group.

CARRIED

It was noted that the WDC should continue to have discussions with the Port Authority regarding their plans and how they integrate into the long term vision of the Waterfront.

4.3 Governance Model

At the February 4, 2016 meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee, discussion was held relative to a Governance Model for the Waterfront and presentation to the WDC at the April or June meeting.

Mr. G. John, (Acting) Manager – Parks & Open Spaces Section, Parks Division reported the following:

- A research project is being undertaken by a City staff member as part of an advanced degree, which will look at governance at the waterfront.
- The Project will include academic research on governance models, smart practice reviews of other municipal waterfronts and will include the collection of primary research from stakeholders – including the Waterfront Development Committee. Meeting with stakeholders is expected to occur between August and October. The project is expected to be completed in March 2017.

4.4 Frequency of WDC Meetings

At the April 7, 2016 meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee, discussion was held relative to the frequency of WDC meetings and if the bi-monthly meetings should be changed to monthly meetings.

It was noted that there will be an extra meeting of the waterfront stakeholders later this month. Councillor Angus suggested that subcommittees could be formed to meet separately on specific items which need to be addressed.

5.0 COLLABORATION WORKSHOP WITH WATERFRONT STAKEHOLDERS

At the February 4, 2016 meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee, discussion was held relative to organizing a roundtable of waterfront stakeholders.

A meeting of Waterfront Stakeholders is being planned for Saturday, June 11, 2016 at the Italian Cultural Centre.

Councillor I. Angus provided an overview of plans for the meeting, the draft agenda, and a list of stakeholders who have been invited. It was noted that this meeting is by invitation only. There will be an audio recording of the meeting.

Stakeholders have been asked to provide executive summaries of their projects. By the end of the meeting, there should be a comprehensive understanding of a series of concepts that can be factored in to the WDC discussions.

The focus of the meeting will be to share information and to ensure that there is no misunderstanding about the intent of the session.

6.0 PARK PLANNING PROJECTS

Mr. G. John, (Acting) Manager – Parks & Open Spaces Section, Parks Division, to provide updates on the following projects:

6.1 Chapples Recreation Area – Redevelopment Plan

This project has become a distinct part of the Recreation & Facilities Master Plan. The consultants have been provided with all of the base information. The first public meeting is scheduled for June 15th – location to be determined.

6.2 Boulevard Lake Area Improvement Plan

Administration is waiting for the final copy of work completed to date. This project is now tied into the larger Boulevard Lake EA Plan. A notice of commencement was in last Saturday's newspaper.

6.3 Chippewa Park Visioning

The public consultation phase has been completed. A public consultation had been planned for June 5th at the Chippewa Park Kite Festival; however, there have been delays in engagement with the Fort William First Nation and the Métis Nation of Ontario. Further development of concept options and a public survey are subject to completion of the engagement process.

7.0 PHASE 2 UPDATE

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager, reported that work is being done on the parking lot. Mr. L. Morrow, Corporate Project Manager, provided an update and responded to questions on the consolidated parking lot south of Pearl Street as well as the enhancements to the Festival Area.

Funding has been received for the oil grit separator for the Habitat Pond. An application had been made to Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund, which was supported by Red Sky Métis Independent Nation.

The recreation trail has been listed as a priority item. Administration does have a conceptual design; however, there is no funding. This project will be included in a future budget. Discussion was held relative to the True Grit report on the recreation trail.

Administration continues to research funding for marina expansion.

8.0 PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager, reported that the private development is ongoing, and planning continues on the Market Square building.

Discussion was held relative to the current state of the CN Rail Building and the responsibilities/obligations of the developer.

Mr. M. Smith responded to questions about the developer, and to questions about plans for the Market Square.

Administration was asked to present renderings of the Market Square at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Grain Elevator Project

Ms. D. Gilhooly read correspondence from Gary Polonsky, Chair of three of Canada's national museums, written to Rob Paterson, Chair - Friends of the Grain Elevators and his Board. The letter indicated that Mr. Polonsky will be encouraging the President of the Museum of

Agriculture and Food to liaise with Rob Paterson and his colleagues to work toward the creation of a Grain Elevator Museum on the Thunder Bay Waterfront. Dr. Polonsky stated that he and his colleagues were committed to working collaboratively to extend the national outreach of their national mandates both physically and digitally.

Discussion was held relative to this news. It was noted that Western Grain Elevator has been designated as a heritage site by Parks Canada. Friends of Grain Elevators would like the WDC Chair and Administration to meet with Dr. Polonsky to apprise him of their interest in the development of a Grain Elevator Museum.

It was also noted that Science North is interested in a presence in Thunder Bay, and in particular, the Grain Elevator project.

9.2 Official Plan

Ms. A. Ostrom inquired about the status of the new Official Plan. Mr. M. Smith reported that the process is ongoing and that Administration is hoping to present a draft Official Plan to City Council this fall. Mr. Smith noted that the draft Official Plan will also be presented to the WDC before there is final approval by Council.

10.0 NEXT MEETING

Meetings of the WDC are scheduled on the first Thursday of every second month, except in July and August, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the McNaughton Room, 3rd Floor of City Hall (unless otherwise notified), as follows:

- Thursday, September 1, 2016
- Thursday, November 3, 2016

The Chair will decide if an additional meeting (before September 1st) is needed after the June 11th meeting of the Waterfront Stakeholders.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.